

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant(s) : Kyoji SEKIGUCHI  
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Title : OPHTHALMOLOGIC IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS

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Examiner : THOMAS, Brandi N.

Docket No. : 1232-5368  
Customer No. : 27123

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

As stated in the Restriction Requirement dated December 17, 2007, the following groups are identified among the pending claims:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Description</u>
I.	Claims 1, 2 and 4-10, drawn to an ophthalmologic image processing apparatus that masks a fundus image using an aperture mask image, classified in class 351, subclass 206.
II.	Claims 11-14, drawn to an ophthalmologic image processing apparatus for executing an image processing on a fundus image, classified in class 351, subclass 246.

In response to this Restriction Requirement, this paper provisionally elects to pursue prosecution of Group I. At least claims 1, 2 and 4-10 are believed to be encompassed by that election.

Should the Restriction Requirement be made final, the right is expressly reserved to present any withdrawn claims in divisional application(s). In the event that a telephone  
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conference would facilitate the examination of this application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY ADDITIONAL FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THE TIMELY CONSIDERATION OF THIS AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 AND 1.17, OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 13-4500, ORDER NO. 1232-5368.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Dated: January 8, 2008

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